

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 625

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A RESOLUTION to commend William R. "Will" Jenkins for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, William R. "Will" Jenkins is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for the Honorable Cameron Sexton, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Will's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduating senior at Tennessee Technological University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Will has maintained a 3.90 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rogersville and a graduate of Cherokee High School, Will Jenkins grew up working on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, Will attributes his lifelong interest in politics and government and his decision to apply for a legislative internship to the influence of his paternal grandfather and role model, William Lewis "Bill" Jenkins, a legendary public servant who served as the first Republican Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives since Reconstruction in 1969 and 1970 and as U.S. Congressman for Tennessee's First District for ten years (1997-2007) before taking his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young man is passionate about the law, and this fall, he will follow in his father's and grandfather's footsteps to pursue a career in that honorable profession as a student at the Duncan School of Law at Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Will Jenkins brought his many abilities

and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2021 session of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2021 legislative session, Will has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Will Jenkins has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend William R. "Will" Jenkins for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the Honorable Cameron Sexton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success as a student of the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.